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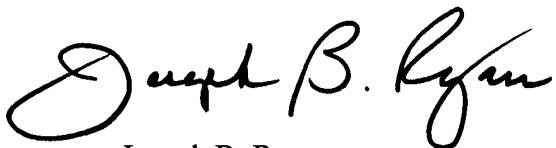
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Submitted herewith is the following document relating to the above-identified patent application:

(1) Response to Office Action.

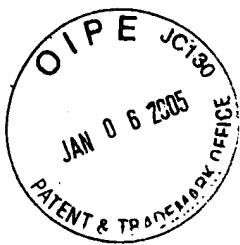
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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The remarks below are submitted in response to the first non-final Office Action dated October 5, 2004 in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on December 20, 1999, with claims 1-269. Claims 1-269 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 87 and 176 are independent claims.

Claims 87-269 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101.

Claims 1-86 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,742,021 (hereinafter “Halverson”).

In this response, Applicant respectfully traverses the §101 and §102(e) rejections. Applicant requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.

With regard to the §101 rejection, Applicant notes that §101 specifically states that a patent may be obtained for a “manufacture.” Independent claims 87 and 176 are explicitly directed to